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Column One
By David Courtney

ONCE upon a time there was a kingdom without a king; but it had a Parliament that cost money and levied taxes and had the right to say which man should be king over the people. So a day came when Parliament met to elect that man. Now, it was a little kingdom with a little constitution and had to be content with a little king, although, to be sure, it had had a king who was great among his own people and held in respect by the whole world, at whose death the nation mourned. When it became necessary to find a new king some of the notables of the kingdom felt he should again be a grand king, and offered the throne to a famous soothsayer from overseas, who did sums on a mysterious abacus strung with the heavenly stars. But the soothsayer would not be king. He would not exchange the order of the universe for the disorder of the little kingdom, which thereupon modestly determined to choose its king from among its own people.

So Parliament came together on this solemn occasion to say which man should be king. The tinkers were there, firmly convinced that the kingdom was made of, by, and for pots and pans; the tailors were there in the unalterable belief that kings and kingdoms could only be put together with needle and thread; and the candlestick-makers were there as well, loudly boasting that the king could not even see his kingdom without candle light — a just boast, it must in fairness and semi-darkness be said. The upshot was that the tinkers wanted a tinker to be king, the tailors a tailor and the candlestick-makers a candlestick-maker. After all, you cannot expect a candlestick-maker to genuflect before a tinker-king or a tailor to cut his suit according to a candlestick-maker's cloth; all of which, as you can well believe, made the problem of electing a king a very complicated one.

NOW, besides tinkers and tailors there are soldiers and sailors; and besides candlestick-makers there are butchers and bakers. Somehow, they all got into Parliament; and because, for example, the tinker likes to eat bread and the baker needs a candle to bake by, these several groups sometimes agree among themselves and in that way, again as an example, the candlestick-maker, with the help of the butcher and the baker, can raise more votes in Parliament than, say, the tailor with the help of the soldier and the sailor, or the tinker on his own. That is called government. As a result, of course, the butcher may become Minister of Pots and Pans because the tinker is in Opposition; and so on. And when a king has to be elected the same thing happens; but not quite as easily, because they have a special system for voting for a king. This special system involves several ballots, and in the end, tinker tailor soldier sailor, butcher baker candlestick-maker have changed clothes so often that no one can tell one from t'other.

AND so it came to pass that a king was elected by the representatives of the people of the little kingdom. Naturally, he was either tinker, tailor or candlestick-maker; and his subjects next day wondered what difference it would make until they began to realize that they were, after all, a Democracy; and that in a Democracy the people rule King, because it says so in almost every constitution there is; and that the tinkers and tailors and candlestick-makers are the people's tinkers and tailors and candlestick-makers, who wrangle and levy taxes and draw their salaries in the name of the people, to whom they impart their confusion and partisanship in the national interests and to the glory of tinkering, tailoring and candlestick-making.

Jerusalem, December 8.

Eight Nations Propose New Palestine Solution at U.N.

Israel Accepts Plan; Arabs Hedge

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (UP). — Eight neutral powers unveiled a new version of their peace plan for Palestine today in the U.N. Israel immediately announced its acceptance, but Syria, presumably speaking for the Arab governments, again insisted that the new draft recommend the repatriation of Arab refugees and the internationalization of Jerusalem as prerequisites for direct talks with Israel.

Climaxing a week of behind the scene conversations, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, the Netherlands, Norway, Panama and Uruguay placed before the Special Political Committee today a resolution urging the Arabs and Israel to "enter at an early date, without prejudice to their respective rights and claims, into direct negotiations for the establishment of a settlement bearing in mind the principal objectives of the U.N. on the Palestine question, including the religious interests of third parties."

The resolution as it stands commands general support and is expected to be passed by an overwhelming vote.

To Consult Governments

Diplomats hoped passage of the resolution, Shukeiry's objections notwithstanding, may lead in due course to direct Israel-Arab negotiations. This hope was bolstered to some extent by the request of Iraq and Syria to delay the vote on the resolution to permit both consultations with their governments and further negotiations here.

A meeting of the Committee scheduled for tonight was postponed to tomorrow morning by a vote of 35 to 2 with 13 abstentions.

Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel hailed the compromise measure as an "adequate incentive" for negotiations that could put an end to four years of Middle Eastern tension.

Mr. Eban recalled that when the U.N. Security Council had recommended direct armistice talks in 1947 the Arabs opposed the resolution, but finally agreed to conversations which ended the hostilities. Arabs consenting then to "indirect talks" but not necessarily represented by the opinions voiced in the Committee, Mr. Eban said he had "no doubt that this resolution will transform the mood and spirit of Arab-Israel relations." He added: "I have full confidence that in the ensuing year we shall all win the challenge of peace in the Middle East."

The chief Israel delegate recalled that the resolution prejudiced no issue and expressed the hope that when talks get under way the crucial problem of refugees will get top consideration.

The eight-power resolution represents the culmination of Israel's diplomatic offensive, begun here some months ago and aimed at developing existing armistice agreements into a permanent peace settlement. The final draft hammered into its present shape at an early morning meeting of the sponsors, seeks to incorporate the Arab view contained in a parallel proposal of Pakistan, Iran, Indonesia and Afghanistan—urging that direct talks be based on existing U.N. decisions—and the Israel view that talks should start from scratch.

Existing Resolutions

The pertinent paragraph in the draft states that the Assembly recalls "existing resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council."

The sponsoring document, introduced by Mr. Finn Moe of Norway and Mr. David Johnson of Canada, maintains the Palestine Conciliation Commission in its present form and rejects Arab proposals for its expansion to a membership of five from the present three and for locating P.C.C. headquarters in Jerusalem.

Mr. Moe in his speech said the sponsors are making a sincere appeal to the parties to enter into direct negotiations and to try to arrive at a settlement. He said the sponsors have tried to make the resolution "as neutral as possible" and stressed that direct talks "ought to protect the 'rights and claims' of the two parties."

Overwhelming Passage Of Resolution Predicted

POST Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS, Monday.—It is obvious that the new compromise resolution before the Special Political Committee will pass with an overwhelming vote, despite the opposition it is voiced by Syria's Shukeiry.

Pakistan, not wishing to break the Arab-Asian bloc, has not yet accepted it.

Observers feel that the sudden Arab switch from the peace-makers here in Paris to the warmongers here in Lake Success, including Premier Mossadeq's, is significant. It is the faint hope that he might be more friendly than Mr. Truman.

India Turns Down Kashmir Compromise

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (UP). — India today rejected the Anglo-American compromise resolution for the settlement of its dispute with Pakistan over Kashmir.

Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit told the U.N. Security Council that India would not accept the arbitrary limit of 12,000 to 18,000 men placed on Indian forces to be kept in Kashmir pending the plebiscite to decide whether the state should join India or Pakistan.

The principles laid down by India for settlement of the dispute are: recognition that the states of Jammu and Kashmir acceded to India on October 26, 1947, and acknowledgement that Pakistan forces invaded Kashmir on May 5, 1948 in "unprovoked aggression."

5 Top Czech Chiefs Said in Custody

BELGRADE, Monday. — Belgrade radio today reported a second major purge of Communist leaders in Czechoslovakia. A terse report quoted the official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, as its source, but gave no indication of how the information was received.

The radio listed five prominent Czechs as among those seized in "a new wave of arrests" in Czechoslovakia:

Antonin Gregor, Minister of Foreign Trade who was removed from office six days ago.

General Ludwig Svoboda, first post-war Minister of Defence, who was appointed Vice-President in 1950. In September 1951 he was demoted to the post of Minister of Physical Education.

Vladimir Kopriva, Minister of Police, relieved of his post last January.

Eugene Urban, Minister of Works and Social Security.

Augustine Kliment, Minister of Heavy Engineering.

(AP, Reuter)

50 Killed Including 7 Europeans In Casablanca Riots

CASABLANCA, Monday (AP). —Morocco's "Bloody Monday" riots verged on open armed rebellion tonight as police evacuated French residents from one sector of the city near the Arab quarters and dropped aerial tear-gas bombs on concentrations of Arab nationalists.

Police and troops laid siege to more than 2,000 Moroccan union members who were barricaded in the downtown H.Q of the Moroccan General Confederation of Labour (C.G.T.)

The authorities said more than 50 persons had been killed during the day, including seven Europeans, three Moroccan soldiers and at least 40 Arabs demonstrators.

Stoned to Death

One European victim, Louis Ribes, former Mayor of Magadir, was dragged from his motorcar and stoned to death by members of an Arab mob of some 4,000 persons who were trying to storm the French section of Casablanca.

Three other European victims were so mutilated that they could not be identified and their next could not even be determined.

The tear-gas attack began at 3 p.m. today and was aimed chiefly at the shanty-town of Carriere Centrale where most of the disturbances have taken place.

The riots started last night with a clash between demonstrators and police in which two Moroccan policemen and a demonstrator were killed.

Violence erupted today after a night of vigilance following earlier disturbances. Moroccan troops were lined up in front of hostile groups of their countrymen armed with knives, daggers and clubs.

At 10 a.m. local time a first wave of about 600 demonstrators attacked a police station which they had already besieged late last night, but were dispersed. The riot occurred in the predominantly Arab working-class district known as the Carriere Centrale.

The demonstrators reformed and were reinforced by others. The crowd grew to an estimated 3,000 when the French authorities sent a detachment of Moroccan Goumiers, crack mountain soldiers, to restore order. As the demonstrators surged forward to attack the police station again, the troops opened fire, killing 25.

Afternoon Riot

Ten more rioters were killed during a new outbreak this afternoon, when 4,000 rioters tried to break into the town.

French Resident General Augustin Guillaume immediately put into effect the Emergency Protection Plan to safeguard European lives and property. The plan calls for armed police and military guards at banks, power stations, official buildings and the entrances to the European quarter of Casablanca. All army units were standing by.

A curfew was imposed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and the assembly of more than 10 persons was forbidden throughout the city.

Police have arrested Mohammed Hassan, Secretary-General of the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour, and two other Communist leaders, Tayeb Ben Abbes and Bekkai Abdallah. All the disturbances came during a 24-hour strike called by the union to protest the arrest of the union's General Secretary, Mahjoub Ben Seddik, and Political Bureau member, Abdallah Filali.

The French authorities have banned such meetings after protests against the Kibbutz Hameuhad.

Ben-Zvie Elected President On Third Knesset Ballot

THE NEW PRESIDENT

Mapam Switches from Gruenbaum

By MOSHE BRILLIANT, POST Parliamentary Correspondent

Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Zvie was chosen President of Israel by the Knesset last night in succession to Dr. Chaim Weizmann. The 68-year-old veteran Labour Zionist and scholar won against Rabbi Mordecai Nurock in the third ballot after Mapam unexpectedly shifted their support from Mr Yitzhak Gruenbaum. He will be inducted into the office at the Knesset sitting tomorrow.

There was a gasp of surprise from the gallery when the final results were announced by the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Yosef Serlin, as follows:

Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Zvie	62
Rabbi Mordecai Nurock	50
Mr. Yitzhak Gruenbaum	9
Blank Ballots	5

As 113 members participated in the vote, the successful candidate needed a minimum of 57 votes. Mr. Ben-Zvie was thus elected with something to spare. He was not present when the results were announced as he had quietly left the building after casting his vote in the third ballot.

The Mapam decision to switch to Mr. Ben-Zvie after the first two ballots had been taken at a party caucus which ended just as the bell rang to announce the opening of the Knesset sitting.

Both Mapai and Mapam leaders said later there had been no inter-party negotiations in the matter. Mr. Yaacov Hazan, in a statement for his party after the result was announced, said Mapam had not voted for the candidate of Mapai but for the "only candidate from the Labour ranks who had a chance to be elected over the candidate supported jointly by the "bourgeois, the clericals and Jewish fascists."

Protest Description

This description of the coalition of General Zionists, religious parties, and Herut which had backed Rabbi Nurock on the third ballot drew protests from those benches. A chant of "Oren, Oren, Oren," was taken up by the Herut quarter in an attempt to prevent Mr. Hazan from completing his statement.

Though the polling was secret it is clear that in the final vote Mr. Ben-Zvie received the votes of Mapai, Mapam and Ahdut Avodah. However, 62 ballots had been cast by members of these parties, instead of 64, and who the single dissenter was who abstained remains the only mystery of the election.

Rabbi Nurock obtained 39 votes from the General Zionists, eight from Hapoel Hamizrahi, six from Herut, three from Agudat Israel and two each from Poalei Agudat Israel and Mizrahi.

The four Progressives are believed to have abstained.

The drama of the election was heightened by the arrival, just before the third ballot, of Mr. Shalom Zyman (General Zionist) who had flown home from Switzerland to cast his vote for Rabbi Nurock. The El Al plane by which he travelled arrived seven hours late. Mr. George Flesch (General Zionist) and Dr. Arieh Altman (Herut), were believed to be also flying home for the voting, but they had not arrived by the time Mr. Ben-Zvie was elected.

The atmosphere was quiet but tense as the Members assembled at four o'clock, for the historic session. Of the three candidates who were members of the Knesset, Rabbi Nurock, Minister of Posts, was first in his place at the Cabinet table. When Mr. Ben-Zvie, wearing a neck-high blue sweater under his jacket, passed him on his way to his seat in one corner of the horse-shoe shaped tiers, the two contenders exchanged warm handshakes.

After the Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, read out the names of the candidates as required by law, Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut) pressed for a ruling on a point that, at the time, was thought likely to be ultimately decisive. How, he asked, would the Presidium interpret the phrase "a majority of those participating in the vote." If those who abstained by dropping blank ballots were regarded as though they had not participated, the majority needed for election would be smaller and this would have favoured Mr. Ben-Zvie.

Mr. Sprinzak reserved his ruling until after the first ballot and then said that all those who cast votes would be deemed to have participated, regardless of whether they supported any of the candidates or deposited blank slips.

First Ballot

The Clerk of the House, Mr. Moshe Sneidar, then called the roll and the members walked up to a ballot box, dropping in square envelopes in full view of the assembly. It took half-an-hour to complete each round of voting and another 20 minutes for the count.

At 5.15, Mr. Sprinzak closed his thereat and read the results:

Mr. Ben-Zvie	62
Mr. Bernstein	14
Mr. Gruenbaum	37
Rabbi Nurock	51
Blank ballots	11

As none of the candidates obtained the 61 votes required for a first ballot victory, the roll was called again. The result was almost identical except that Mr. Gruenbaum received an extra vote as Mr. Mordecai Bentov (Mapam) who had been absent during the first ballot, took part in the second.

3rd Ballot Necessary

A third ballot then became necessary and the excitement mounted. On this ballot, a majority of those participating in the vote was needed for election and the required number thus dropped from 61 to 57. It was also known that on this ballot some of the parties would shift their support.

There was speculation in the press box and the visitors' gallery as to whether the Progressives and Ahdut Avodah, who were assumed to have abstained on the first two ballots, would give their votes to Mr. Ben-Zvie. This would have given the Mapai candidate 64 votes and he still would have been three short of election. There were forecasts that Hapoel Hamizrahi, who had been reportedly threatened with a parliamentary crisis by Mapai leaders, might desert Rabbi Nurock. But no one suggested that Mapam would tip the scales in favour of Mr. Ben-Zvie, as Mapai-Mapam relations were known to be at their worst.

Mapam representatives informed the Commission just before the ballot that they were switching from Mr. Gruenbaum to Mr. Ben-Zvie, who then quietly slipped out of the hall. When the members came back they were in the corridor while the votes were being counted, only a few of them knew that it was all over bar the counting.

Rabbi Nurock almost lost a vote on the third ballot. After the roll call, Mr. Ya'acov Kleinerov (General Zionist) explained that instead of casting his ballot he had dropped it into the institution by a reception that Rav-Aluf Yigael Yadin was giving on Wednesday. When the invitation was found amongst the ballots, Mr. Kleinerov was permitted to vote again.

After the votes were counted, Mr. Sprinzak said: "I hereby announce that Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Zvie, Knesset Member, has been elected the second President of Israel. I wish for him and for us that during his tenure the State of Israel may flourish and advance."

There was no demonstration of any sort as the House adjourned. As most again this afternoon, Rabbi Nurock promptly sent a telegram to Mr. Ben-Zvie from the Knesset office, saying: "Hearty greetings. I recall the 13th Zionist Congress in Basle when we worked together in the Political Committee, with you as deputy and myself as chairman of the Committee. Happy are we to have the privilege of reaching the election of the President of the State of Israel. To your success!"

(Sketch on Page 4)

PM Joins Impromptu Party at Ben-Zvie's

Scores of well-wishers, including members of the Cabinet and the Jewish Agency Executive, visited President-elect Ben-Zvie last night in his three-room Jerusalem apartment in Rehov Ibn Gabirol, on the same spot where, until two years ago, the Ben-Zvie hut stood.

One of the first visitors was the Prime Minister who smilingly called out: "Permit me to call you just Ben-Zvie for another day and a half." Turning to Mrs. Ben-Zvie, he said, "But you, Rachel, I'll always call by your first name."

Mr. Ben-Zvie's father, Zvie Shimshi, who celebrates his 90th birthday next Sunday was a proud onlooker as group after group of old-time friends came to congratulate his son.

The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, and Mr. Avraham Harzfeld, MK, led the guests in folk dancing which was accompanied by lusty singing.

Rabbi Mordecai Nurock later called to congratulate Mr. Ben-Zvie. Another interested participant was Yael Ben-Zvie, four-year old grand-daughter of the President-elect, who when informed that her grandfather would be President replied: "I don't want a President. I want him to be "Bubba" (grand-father).

Mrs. Weizmann Gets First Stamps

The first stamps of the Weizmann commemorative series were handed to Mrs. Weizmann yesterday by the Minister of Posts Rabbi M. Nurock. The stamps will be on sale as from today, the end of the 30-day mourning period.

A memorial service for the late President will be held at 7 o'clock this evening at the Yeshurun Synagogue in Jerusalem.

Chief Rabbi I.H. Herzog will address the congregation, which is to include members of the late President's family, Cabinet Ministers, Justices of the Supreme Court and Knesset members.

Aguda Workers Get Ultimatum

A 24-hour ultimatum to review its decision to join the Government coalition has been submitted to the Poalei Agudat Israel by the Mizrahi United Hatorah Party in Jerusalem.

At a meeting in Jerusalem last night, the Mizrahi approved the ultimatum. The Poalei Agudat Israel Party did not comply with the ultimatum. The "ultimatum" included calling Poalei Agudat Israel from the World Agudat Israel Movement, and calling upon its members to leave the party.

The "United Orthodox Hatorah" is the supreme ecclesiastical body recognized by the Agudat Israel and stands for "Council of Sages."

U.S. Banks to Lend $12.5m. For Housing

POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Monday. — Mr. Gottlieb Hammer, Executive Director of the Jewish Agency here, has negotiated on behalf of the Agency a $12.5m. loan from the Manufacturers Trust Bank and the National City Bank of New York for new immigrant housing in Israel and for a new settlement programme.

SYRIAN PLANES CIRCLE OVER WEST GALILEE

Israel has lodged a strong protest with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission in connection with the flight of two Syrian planes over Western Galilee at 10.30 a.m. yesterday, an Army spokesman announced in Tel Aviv. The planes, after circling for several minutes, returned to Syrian territory.

SUEZ BOYCOTT STRENGTHENED

Instructions have been issued to Egyptian customs officers to confiscate all shipments of goods attempting to pass through the Suez Canal and proved to be destined for Israel, the Egyptian government has announced, according to ANA.

The shipment of 120 tons of Eritrean meat aboard a Norwegian vessel held up at Port Said on October 30 when bound for Israel, was confiscated on Sunday.

The boycott office of the Arab League in Cairo has announced that a number of British and American firms have informed the League of their preparedness to suspend their activities in Israel if the League took them off the black list and permitted them to renew trading in the Arab states.

CABINET SHAKE-UP PLANNED IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter)—General Nagib plans a large-scale reshuffle of his Cabinet soon, according to usually well-informed sources here.

Mahmoud Fawzi, at present Egyptian Ambassador to Britain, is expected to replace Foreign Minister Ahmed Hussein who will be Ambassador to India or Japan.

A government spokesman said tonight that Nagib was striving to coordinate and unite the efforts of all political leaders to secure "the early evacuation of British forces from the Suez Canal Zone."

INTERFERENCE CLAIMED IN KENYATTA TRIAL

KAPENGURIA, Kenya, Monday (Reuter)—British defence lawyer D. N. Pritt today touched off the sternest scene yet in the trial of Jomo Kenyatta, accusing the Kenya government of tapping the defence counsel's telephone calls, opening letters and banning the entry of lawyers into the colony.

Mr. Pritt made his allegations when the trial of Kenyatta and five other Africans charged with managing and helping to manage Mau Mau entered its fourth day here.

SWEDEN PROTESTS PRAGUE CHARGES

STOCKHOLM, Monday (AP).—The Swedish Government has formally protested to the Czechoslovak Government against accusations of complicity made against former Swedish Minister in Prague Gunther Winther during the Slansky trial.

Rudolf Margolius, one of the 11 defendants condemned to death and executed, said during the Prague trial that he had favoured Swedish capitalists during trade discussions with Mr. Winther. Margolius was Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade.

Czech Rulers Worried Over Trial Reaction

VIENNA, Monday. — The Czechoslovak authorities are disturbed by world reports of anti-Jewish actions following the recent Prague trial, according to well-informed sources here, both Jewish and non-Jewish, who have reached Austria in recent days.

The majority of the Czech people, of all walks of life, are reported by these sources to have accepted the verdicts with customary sick derision, and to carry on normal daily life.

The blaming of Israel as a possible source of danger to Czechoslovakia is reportedly doubted in view of the circumstances in the case of the last executions.

E.C. DISCUSSES MARKETING

Questions of marketing and control of agricultural products were discussed at a meeting of the Economic Council which met in Jerusalem yesterday under the chairmanship of the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. P. Rokach. The Council proposed that a control committee for the control of marketing channels and the fixing of prices should be established to advise the Government.

It was also urged that the retail trade should be widened by allowing grocers and cooperatives to sell vegetables and fruit; the channelling of produce to markets should be strictly supervised; violators should be punished administratively, if necessary by withdrawing their trade licenses.

The Council also discussed the findings of the sub-committee on industrial controls. The difficulties resulting from a lack of raw materials and problems of export were considered.

Tea, Coffee Prices Up

The prices of tea and coffee have gone up by more than 100 per cent. It was announced yesterday. [illegible] tons of tea will now cost [illegible] pounds as compared to [illegible] per kilo, and [illegible] tons of coffee will cost [illegible] pounds as compared to [illegible] per kilo.

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Social & Personal

The Israel Minister to Turkey, Mr. Eliav Livion, called upon the Prime Minister in Jerusalem yesterday before leaving for his new post tomorrow.

Mr. S. G. Van Hien Rooyen, Mr. Shoshana Cervenka, Kimberley, and Mr. Yves Gerver, of London, have emigrated to Israel on a short business visit.

Mr. Solomon Poyen, Acting Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, left by El Al yesterday for France.

Professor F. L. Rushbrook-Williams, Oriental and Asian editor of "The Times" arrived by El Al yesterday for a week's visit as the guest of the Government.

M. M. Bartal, recently appointed Labour Attache at the Israel Embassy in London, left by El Al on Sunday night, to take up his new post, while Mr. Moshe Galai, Commercial Attache at the Israel Legation in Turkey, returned to his post aboard the same plane.

The Hon. and Mrs. Bevin Samuel have returned to Jerusalem, and are now living at 13 Rehov Rashbi.

Dr. Y. Wetzstein, Head of the Religious Education and Culture in the Diaspora Department of the Jewish Agency, has left for Europe and North Africa on a mission for the Department.

Dr. Arye Tartakower will speak on "The Rights of Man" at a meeting of the Israel Association for the United Nations to be held at the J.N.F. hall, 11 Rehov Levi Eshkol, Tel Aviv, at 8 o'clock tonight, on the occasion of Human Rights Day tomorrow.

Mr. M. I. Friedman is to speak on "Telephone Service in Israel" at tomorrow's luncheon of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at the King David Hotel.

A scholarship fund of IL.1,000 for students at the Hebrew University Institute of Jewish Studies has been granted by Mr. S. Wynn, President of the Zionist Federation of Australia and New Zealand, in memory of the late Dr. Ariel Ben Zion.

Rabbi Feldman will speak on "Peace of Mankind and Peace of the World" at a members' meeting of the "Omen" Mizrahi Women's Organization at their Jerusalem Club at 4.30 p.m. today.

Mr. Shalom Zyman, M.K. (Gen. Zionist) returned by El Al yesterday afternoon from Switzerland.

TEL AVIV HAS NEW LEGAL ADVISER

TEL AVIV, Monday.—Mr. Evi Silberger, a lawyer employed by the Ministry of Justice in Jerusalem, has been appointed legal adviser to the Tel Aviv Municipality. He succeeds Mr. Ephraim Olshanski, who has been with the Municipality for 18 years and is now resuming private practice. Mr. Silberger will take up his new appointment on January 1.

HERZLIA RABBI DEAD

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Rabbi Benjamin Movshovitch, Chief Rabbi of Herzlia since 1930, died at the Beilinson hospital today after a prolonged illness, at the age of 61.

The late Rabbi, who came to Israel from Russia 24 years ago, leaves a wife, three sons and a daughter. The funeral will take place in Herzlia tomorrow.

FUNERAL OF COLONEL GUY

The funeral was held yesterday of Lt.-Col. Philip Langstaffe Ord Guy at the American Cemetery in the German Colony, Jerusalem.

The mourners present included his widow, his adopted daughter and her husband, colleagues of the Department of Antiquities, representatives of the Hebrew University headed by the Rector, Prof. B. Mazar, in addition to numerous personal friends from among the older residents of Jerusalem. Canon H. A. R. Jones officiated and read the Anglican burial service.

Col. Guy was born in 1891, the son of the Sheriff-Clerk of Lanarkshire, Scotland. He was educated at Oxford and at Glasgow University, working in Scotland and France till the outbreak of World War I, when he joined the French Foreign Legion. He later transferred to the British Forces in the Middle East. After the war took part in several archaeological expeditions in Upper Egypt and Iraq.

In 1924, he became Chief Inspector of Antiquities in Palestine and he continued at this post until the third year of Mandate was occupied. In 1927 under his direction at Beit Jibrin he became Director of the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem until 1929 when he rejoined the British Forces.

Col. Guy was Director of the Archaeological Survey of Israel up to the time of his death.

THE HEBREW NATIONAL OPERA
TEL AVIV Habimah Theatre, Dec. 9 8 p.m.
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REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Pre-Election Views Of All Parties

The presidential elections put all other issues in the shade in yesterday's Hebrew press. "Haaretz" (Magal), "Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) and "Al-Hamishmar" (Mapam) featured prominently the pictures of the candidates sponsored by their respective parties, Messrs. Ben-Zvie, Bluestock and Grumbaum.

"Haaretz" (Liberal Bourgeois), on the other hand, did not mention Mr. Bernstein at all. The paper attacks Mapai in its editorial for "desecrating" the highest office in the State by "party manoeuvres" and involving a personality as Mr Ben-Zvie in such a game of party tactics.

"Davar" (Histadrut) also regrets that the elections have become a party issue, but expresses the hope that after the first polls, which will be partisan demonstrations, there will be a true "demonstration for statehood," and more specially for the strength of labour in Israel.

"Omer" (Histadrut) says that Mr. Ben-Zvie should be elected, both for his personal qualities and merits, and because he is the candidate of the greatest party in the State and in the Histadrut. But for the present tension in consequence of the Prague trial, Mapam certainly would not have hesitated to give its support to Ben-Zvie, a veteran Labour and Hapoalah leader, the paper asserts.

Extols Nurock's Merits

"Hatzofe," on the other hand, extols the merits of Rabbi Nurock as a Zionist and Jewish leader of stature, his personal tragedy which makes him a symbol of the Jewish war-time catastrophe, and his popularity with people of all parties.

"Hakol" (Agudat Israel) exhorts the orthodox parties to show their independence by voting for Rabbi Nurock until the end. Otherwise they would prove that their dependency on Mapai has become "total subjugation," the ultra-orthodox paper warns.

"Al Hamishmar" stresses in its first editorial for some days that Mapam's candidate Mr. Gruenbaum, is both a veteran non-party Zionist (and a radical one at that) and a militant supporter of the Peace Movement, and his election as President would be a convincing answer to those who claim that Zionism as a whole is a reactionary, bourgeois and chauvinistic movement.

"Kol-Ha'am" (Communist) also supports Gruenbaum for president "in spite of many differences of opinion both in the past and in the present," out of appreciation for his joining the Peace Movement.

Both independent evening papers 'Maariv' and 'Yediot Aharonot,' deplore the fact that the parties could not unite on one national candidate for the symbolic office of President.

"Herut" demands the release of Rav-Aluf Y. Yadin's letter of resignation as Chief of the General Staff. The nation should not be kept in the dark as to the reasons of the change at the head of the Army, the paper says.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) puts in the readiness of General Shishakly to settle 200,000 Palestinian Arab refugees in Syria, a step forwards to a more realistic attitude than has been prevailing until now among Arab leaders. The paper notes that nevertheless the Syrian Dictator once more talked about a future "second round" against Israel.

The polemics between "Hamodia" (Agudat Israel) and "Hamerim" (Poale Agudat Israel) on the latter party's joining the Government coalition went on yesterday with increasing fervour.

Crisis in Education

"Herut" devotes one of its editorials to the financial crisis in the education system, which almost led to a teachers' strike of country-wide proportions. The paper advocates (as "Hahaker" did a day earlier) the abolition of the trends as a solution of the problem.

"Davar" speaks out in a second leader against the recent acceptance of totalitarian France Spain into UNESCO. Though Spain is fair towards its Jewish subjects and Spanish scholars show interest in the culture of Israel, the cooperation of France in Hitler's crusade cannot be forgotten, the paper says, and explains Israel's abstention from the vote on this issue by its view that in principle all countries should be members in U.N. affiliated bodies, as distinct from the organs of U.N. themselves.

"Hador" (Mapai's evening paper) publishes the articles by Mr. Sneh, Mapam M.K., on the Prague trial, which "Al Hamishmar" had refused to print because of its extreme pro-Cominform trend. In this article Sneh, formerly a General Zionist, mentions his own development from a "bourgeois democratic nationalist" to "a class-conscious revolutionary Socialist and true friend of the Soviet Union." "Hador" comments that Sneh also apparently underwent a development of the sense of relativity of human values, to truth as well as national independence.

At the Cinema

MESSALINA" (Arsam, Haifa) portrays that Roman Empress in the light of the court gossip collected by somewhat later writers and against a background of scenic exactitude which Italian producers devote to classical themes. Maria Felix, known from her Mexican films, plays Messalina as a figure of perfect amorality. Claudius alone is endowed with some true character; his traditional sluggishness becomes a clouded cunning which accomplishes his aim. The story has been enlarged to show an undercurrent of thought in Rome intended to restore Republican virtues, while Caius Silius (played by Georges Marshal) becomes a patriot caught in his own trap. It is this enlargement of the story that allows for "Messalina's" main feature, the lavish spectacle. We have a historically premature persecution of Christians; gladiators are among the plotters and hence we reach the arena, lions and gladiatorial combats. The Empress's habits introduce the street and low life of Rome and a rub-plot permits an element of pure love. Net result: we are lucky to be living today and not 2,000 years ago. H.

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ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 49.5, 33.3 & 522 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME
NEWS: Hebrew: 7, 7.75, 8.30, 11.00, 1.30, 4.15, 5.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 5 a.m., 2.15 & 5.30 p.m.
6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.
12 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.50 Piano Recital (R). 11.30 Military Band (R). 11.40 Housewives' Corner. 12.25 Programme for Hospitals (R). 12.30 As the Ozers (R). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.48 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.
4.30 p.m. Variety. 4.45 Music. 5.20 Agricultural Corner. 5.30 Lessons Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Readings from the Works of President Weizmann. 7.09 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Morning Music. 7.30 Memorial Service for the late President (Relayed from Yeshurun Synagogue). 7.59 Chicken Music (R). 8.10 Talk by Dr. Landau. 8.30 Bible Reading. 8.45 Newsreel. 9.00 "Tel Yisrael" Orchestra Conductor: George Singer. Soloist: Ely Wolkstein: Mendelssohn Violin Concerto (Andante); Franz Concertino (Lisst): Symphony No. 4 (Dvorak). 10.30 Music (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
440, 225, 214 & 43.5 M.
English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.
4.00 p.m. Chamber Music (R). 4.50 Programme for Tomorrow. 5.00 Second Temple Period Literature. 5.30 Hebrew Studies. 5.45 Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.
"Immigrants' Hour (325.5, 48.9 & 440 M.): French: 6.30 p.m.; Ladino: 7.00 p.m.; Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.
Kol Zion Lagola (25.3 M.): 11.15 Newsreel. 11.30 The Jerusalem Forum. Chairman: Ted Lurie. 11.45 Folk Dances.
ARMY PROGRAMME: (440.4, 214, 225 & 229 M.): 4.00 Opening. 4.15 Dance Programme. 7.00 Musical Dictionary. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Music. 8.00 Talk. 8.30 News. 8.45 Military Quiz. 9.15 Chamber Music. 10.00 Close Down.
VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 5-5.30 p.m. (13, 16, 19 & 25 M.); Life in These United States. B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (24.92 & 19.63 M.): 4.30-7.00 p.m. News, Jewish Affairs, Book Review.

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Annual Maccabi Torch Run from Modi'in

The annual torch run from the grave of the Maccabeans at Modi'in will this year be held on Thursday, December 18, the day of the seventh Hanukka candle. Previously the run was held on the day of the Festival but this year the traditional day was re-arranged as the first day falls on a Friday.

According to reports reaching Maccabi headquarters, nearly 3,000 Maccabi runners will participate in the marathon run this year which will carry the lighted torch from Modi'in to more than 30 centres. These include Gadera, Rehovot, Ness Ziona, Rishon Le Zion, Holon, Bat Yam, Jaffa, Ramat Gan, Bnei Brak, Petah Tikva, Ramatayim, Ra'anana, Herzlia, Hadera, Nathanya and Haifa. At each township a ceremony will be held. The main celebration will take place near the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv.

In past years, the late, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, took part in the ceremony in the grounds of his residence in Rehovot. This year a special ceremony will be held near the grave of the late President. A special meeting of the Organizing Committee is to work out the details this week.

The run begins with special commemoration service at Modi'in, when the initial torch is lighted. The torch is then carried by relays of runners to the centres mentioned, where services are held and the Hanukka lights kindled with the torch. This will be the eighth time the run is being held.

(A. KALMAN)

RA'ANANA HAPOEL YOUTH WIN CUP

The Ra'anana Hapoel youth team won the Cup denoted by their own club by beating Kfar Hayarok Hapoel in the final of a "blitz" youth soccer competition on their own ground, 3-0 on Saturday. They led 2-0 halfway. Seven Hapoel youth sides took part.

Other week-end results were: Nathanya Hap. yth. 1, Hadera Hap. yth. 1 (6-0); Rishon le Zion Hap. 6, Tel Aviv Hap. "B" 5. (Other results were given Sunday).

Raymond Anna, Rhodesia, on a Norton, won the 350 c.c. class event in the Grand Prix De Nations at Monza, averaging 121.164 k.p.h.

Knock-Outs at Capital Boxing Tourney

Boxing has come very much into Israel sports news recently and the second consecutive weekly tournament was held last Saturday in Jerusalem, with Hapoel boxers from the Capital, Tel Aviv and Jaffa participating.

Seven bouts in various weights were held and Tel Aviv took the honours with six points, followed by Jerusalem with three. There were two knock-out victories: Daniel Yehoshua, Jerusalem Hapoel featherweight, had an easy second round win over Tel Aviv's Zahari, after he had previously put him down twice.

Young 20-year old Daniel was a boxer of promise prior to joining the Israel Defence Services, with a reputation for gaining wins by the short knock-out route. During his service he sustained head wounds and this was his first re-appearance in the ring. His ability to win by a knock-out did not seem impaired.

The other "short route" victory also came to a Jerusalem man. Light-heavyweight Jacobov put his opponent, fellow Jerusalem Hapoelite, Avram Levi, down for the count in the second round. In a flyweight contest Me'ir Yehoshua, Daniel's brother, of the same club, drew on points. Merchuch, Tel Aviv, gained a points victory over Arush, Jaffa, in a lightweight bout. Two welterweight fights brought wins to Tel Aviv men over Jaffa-ites. Algaba beat Emile and Shabtsha defeated Levi, both on points. (M.F.)

Queensland Aborigine, Elley Bennett, retained his Australian featherweight title, when he knocked out Victorian, Bluey Williams in the last of a 15-round bout at the Sydney Stadium last Monday.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

9-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Reopens. Sun 11; Feeding times 2-3 p.m.
8.30-12.30; 2-6: American Library and Reading Room. U.S. Consulate, Shmuila Road, Rampart Prop.
9-1; 3-5: Exhibitions: Contemporary French Works of Art, donated by the artists and art-lovers of France, and other current acquisitions and gifts. Victor Hugo-Designs. On the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of his birth. Rockefeller Lamps. From the collection of the Museum. Exhibit of the Missile Laboratory of an Alabaster oil painting 1650, by David Ryckaert III 1612-1661. New acquisitions of the National Museum. Recent.
10-1; 4-6: Exhibition of Oils and Gouaches by Rhoda Sigard. Artists House.
9-6: Archaeological Exhibition. Dept. of Antiquities. Also Temporary exhibitions — Recent acquisitions 21 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-5: Rockefeller Tombs.
11.30-12.30 Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

10-6: National Exhibition, over 200 paintings from all over the country participating. Museum.
9-1, 4-7: Jewish Fine Woodcuts and Drawings. Beit Ha'ezrah Art Ring, 12 Rehov Ben Yehuda.
8 p.m.: "The Winners Have Their Way," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

10-1, 4-6: Collective Exhibition of Paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture by Ehrenfeld, Rubinstein, Markous, Ardon, Schwarz. Municipal Museum, Town Hall.

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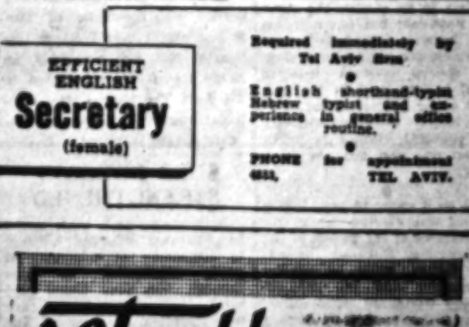

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6% Prof. sh.	98	— —
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Ser. 1	97	— —
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Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Carmel	20	14	25	9
Tiberias	21	12	31	9
Haifa	—	15	—	9
Nathanya	23	13	32	9
Hadera	23	17	31	9
Lydda	25	20	34	9
Jerusalem	24	17	34	9
Beersheba	25	13	36	9
Sdeh Boker	24	13	36	9

FORECAST — Dry, but temperatures will be lower than yesterday.

(A) Readings at 9 a.m. B) Maximum temp. C) Minim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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THE HIGHEST ORGANIZATION Status Law was enacted on December 8. The Law was passed in the Knesset on November 26.

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A HAIFA RESIDENT have received an air-mail food parcel from Germany with 21 eggs each stamped "Produce of Holland." Not one of the eggs was broken and all are in an edible condition.

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PLAIN CLOTHES constables of the Economic Police branch in Tel Aviv combed Rehov Lilienblum on Sunday evening and arrested 13 persons on whom possession re-licensed radio, dollars and sovereigns were found. The detainees were later released on bond.

MR. MOSHE GERSON, shorthand-typing expert and former director of the Haifa Labour Council school for clerks, has been asked to communicate immediately with the secretariat of the Tel Aviv Municipality.

Toy Fund Moves Past IL.3,000

A donation of IL.75 from the Jerusalem Rotary Club in memory of Miss Barbara Propper today brought contributions to *The POST*-Sa'ad Toy Fund to a total of IL.3,108.520. Figures show that the public response to the "pound-a-person" drive, instituted yesterday by the Fund, has been greatest in the Jerusalem area.

Contribution of toys and woollies have been received in Haifa from the "Israel Comfort Fund," of Southport England. On Sunday, in Haifa, lower classes of the Geula school brought in their contributions. Five days to Hanukka. Bring in your toys and cash.

Latest contributors to the Fund include:

IL.10.— Michael Bienki; Mr. & Mrs. Otto Rosenfeld (Persian Film Ltd.). Instead of a birthday present, he [illegible] Chotzik, Haifa; Gaby & Ronit, Sharon Beach, Tel Aviv; Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Bedetzky, Newark, New Jersey.

IL.5.— Micky&Barbara Heller (Vancouver, B.C., Canada); Yehuda Landau, Ruthy & Billy Ashton (pupils of Talpiot-Beit Hakerem Church of Israel); Ilana Diana Wulfe, Rehbu, Benyamina; Miz Meirlev Kronguld, Kibbutz Bet Zera from his Jerusalem Grandparents; K.S.; Micky; Marian & Josepha Sloss, Brighton; Ziva, Naomi, Leona, Yaacov, Montreiam, Jerusalem.

IL.4.— Egmon on behalf of Mr. Wilcox's Grandchildren, Chicago; Ruthie & Ehud Yoni.

IL.3.— Jenny, Haifa; Dr. Adler, Mrs. Chesler "Sejourn" Newlands, Cape South Africa; Danny Slevin (11 years), Kiryat Moshe; Anonymous; Dr. T. Grunbaum; Anonymous; Mr. & Mrs. A. Agan, Ayala Eytan; 3 officials of Commerce & Industry, Alaska Cafe, all from Jerusalem.

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IL.1.50.— Gunzli Book, Jerusalem.

IL.1.— Miss Bindell, N.M. Joy & Emma Litvin, Naida Glickerman, A.W.J Dann, all from Haifa; Yoram Shaulov, Tel Gamliel; I.M. Shat, Tel Aviv; Alexander Koussevitsky, Justice Agranat, Adi Gershoni, Ernst Yeager, Yaacov Morris, J. Lichman, Malin, Norman, Yaya Lurie, Mrs. Michaelstein, Henry Baker, Moshe Talpor, Benjamin, Gabriel & Ariel Diamond, Dr. E. Meyer, Ruth Kipnis, Anonymous, Haft, Dorna, Yitzhak Marcus, H. Y. Attich, Westfried (from his own money on occasion of his Bar Mitzvah), Danny Lotz, Robert Ehrlich, Yoram & Amos, all from Jerusalem.

IL.0.500.—Ilana Westfried, (on the occasion of her birthday).

TEACHERS BACK AT SCHOOL

KFAR SABA, Monday. — All teachers in the Sharon area will return to their classrooms tomorrow, after ending their two-day strike. They were striking in protest against non-payment of their November salaries.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM — Commencing 288 grams, approved 50, grams 6, 7.

TEL AVIV — Commencing Black 288 grams, Red 4, Blue 288 grams, Black 11, grams 4 to 7, Cereals 250 grams 11, 12, grams 1, 2, 3, 250 grams a file.

District Court of Haifa P.B. 101/52
In the matter of the late Estelle Beatrice Tucker died on 11-5-51
Petitioner: Dr. Friedrich (Frederick) Spies of Newark, U.S.A.
Summons—let all persons who claim that the above petitioner has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession to the late Estelle Beatrice Tucker died on the 11th day of November 51, 1950 at Haifa.
Any persons claiming any interest must appear at the said place and time otherwise such order will be given as the Court seems right.
G. SAZI—Registrar
Date: 5.12.52

Israel Composer Gets U.S. Commission

TEL AVIV, Monday (UBIS).— The Koussevitsky Foundation has commissioned an orchestral work from the Tel Aviv composer Mr. Paul Ben-Haim for the "King David Festival" scheduled to take place in Jerusalem in spring 1954, it announced here today.

The composer has decided to write a "Divertissement Royal," based on passages from the Bible and the Psalms. The first movement will take the form of a concerto for harpsichord and wind instruments, inspired by David's playing before Saul; the second movement, for harp solo and strings, will be linked to David's dancing before Michal; while the Finale, combining concertante and symphonic elements, will be a "Song of Degrees."

A commission from the Koussevitsky Foundation is today regarded as one of the greatest honours that can be bestowed on a composer. His work will be deposited in its original manuscript form in the Library of Congress in Washington. The Foundation's earlier commissions included many works now famous, such as the "Symphony of Psalms" by Stravinsky, "Peter Grimes" by Benjamin Britten, Concerto for Orchestra by Bartok, and symphonic works by Copland, Harris, Messiaen, Bernstein and others. Schoenberg's "Survivor from Warsaw" is another of the great works the Foundation brought into being.

Brother Charged With Murder of Sister

HAIFA, Monday. — The mystery of a woman's skeleton found on Mt. Carmel four months ago was believed solved today, when a man was arrested and charged with the murder of his sister. On August 30, a youth instructor from Sha'ar Aliya told police that he had found some human bones while walking on the Carmel. Police established them to be of a woman between 18 and 30 years old.

Yesterday, Nazareth police informed Haifa police that Tufik Mohammed Dahani, 19, disappeared from her home under mysterious circumstances several months ago. Today, Haifa police concluded that the skeleton was of the missing girl and arrested her 25-year old brother, a Haifa resident.

FALLS FROM ROOF

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — Galia Misla, 12, of Rehov Rav Kook, in Ramat Yitzhak, was seriously hurt when she fell from the roof of a school there today.

Ya'acov Zimmerman, of Ramat Gan, who was working on a building under construction there, also fell from the roof. Both were taken to the Hayarkon Hospital, Tel Aviv, in serious condition.

8 MONTH LIGHT BULB SUPPLY

In spite of the closing down of the Philips electric bulb factory, the Or Va'eah plant will supply the required amount of electric bulbs for the next six months, a Ministry of Commerce spokesman indicated in Jerusalem yesterday.

The spokesman stated that 'Or Va'eah' will get all the raw material now in the country. The company has also received an allocation of £30,000 for the purchase of additional raw materials abroad. The factory will be able to produce 1.25m. bulbs, — about half a year's consumption.

Navy Swimmer Invited To Attempt Channel

HAIFA, Monday. — Oded Pas, the young Navy swimmer, member of Maccabi, has been invited to participate in next year's cross-Channel swim.

Pas recently swam 32 kilometres from Nahariya to Haifa in a choppy sea.

FOUND USING old stamps on a letter by rubbing out the post office franking mark, a woman appearing in Rehov Dizengoff in Tel Aviv is to be prosecuted by the police. She pasted two used 12-pruta stamps on a letter sent to Hadera recently, claiming that she had no money with which to buy new stamps.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TEL AVIV-JAFFA
Succession File No. 1179/52
IN THE MATTER OF the petition for an order declaring succession to the late Mr. David Segal of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., who died on January 30, 1951.
PETITIONERS: Mr. Samuel Segal and Mrs. Ruth Segal, are Segal of U.S.A., represented by E. Goodis, LL.B., Solicitor of Law Advocate, of 47 Rehov Yehuda Halevi, Tel Aviv.
CITATION
Let all persons who notice that the applicants Mr. Samuel Segal and Mrs. Ruth Segal, are Segal, have applied to the District Court of Tel Aviv-Jaffa for an Order declaring the succession to David Segal formerly of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., deceased, and that the said application will be heard after the expiration of 15 days from the date of publication of this citation.
All persons claiming any interest must appear the above period appear in the above-mentioned Court or file an objection in writing wherein such order will be made as to the Court seems right.
M. DANZIG
REGISTRAR
Dec. 4, 1952.

How Many?

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — "How many people must a driver kill before he has a natural murder charged as him?" Judge M. Kenvet, Returning Presidents of the District Court here, asked Moshe Sabbah, 22, a driver, who is charged with causing the death of a four-year-old girl in Migdal Ashkelon last January.

The accused asked to be spared a severe sentence as this was his first conviction. He was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

Arson Attempt On Soviet Legation Car

TEL AVIV, Monday. — An attempt to set fire to a Soviet Legation car, parked outside the Legation in Sderot Rothschild here this evening, failed when the fire, in two kerosene cans under the vehicle, went out of its own accord. Apart from scorching a tyre, it did no damage.

At 8.30 this evening, two officials of the Legation noticed two youths loitering near the building, and then saw a fire burning beneath the vehicle. The youngsters escaped as the officials rushed out of the building; by the time they reached the car the fire was out.

The police and the Foreign Ministry were informed immediately, and senior police officers came to investigate. The police guard on the Legation building has been reinforced. An investigation is now underway.

Official circles have [illegible] strongly condemned the "irresponsible act."

Fire Brigade Kept Busy in South

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — Four large fires broke out in the southern part of the country today. Clouds of smoke arising from a burning citrus grove on the Petah Tikva-Haifa road near the Yarkon bridge, paralysed traffic there for half an hour this afternoon. It was extinguished by the Petah Tikva brigade.

Police accompanied the brigade when it quelled a fire at the Schwald quarry in Migdal Eedek, near the border. A compressor and hut valued at several thousand pounds were completely burnt out.

A bushfire which started in Kyriat Aria, near Petah Tikva this evening, was put out after two hours. No serious damage occurred.

Prefabricated rooms and raw materials, including timber and straw used for their manufacture, went up in flames this afternoon while stored in the broom factory of Kibbutz Ruhama. Damage is estimated at IL.90,000.

40-Year Dispute Settled by Partition

A 40-year dispute between Mr. Pinhas Kokia and his brother, the late Ezra Kokia, came to a close in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday. A decision to partition their lands and give IL.10,000 to the former was approved by the Court.

This decision was made by a board of three arbitrators in 1950. The heirs of the deceased brother asked to have it rescinded, because the decision was handed down after the death and could not bind his heirs. The Court rejected the plea, declaring that the brothers had signed an agreement three weeks prior to the death, that the arbitration award would govern the heirs as well.

Retiring President Witkon presided. Mr. E. Krongold appeared for Mr. Pinhas Kokia and Mr. E. Buchsbaum for the heirs of the late Ezra Kokia.

NO CRIMINAL cases have been filed in Beersheba since November 21, police there reported yesterday.

SAILORS RETURNED FROM LEBANON

The eight Israel sailors who had been detained in Beirut when their sailboat was blown by a storm into Lebanese waters three weeks ago were returned to Israel yesterday, an Army spokesman announced in Tel Aviv. The men were reported to be in good health.

Haifa Council Accepts IL.150,000 Gov't Loan

HAIFA, Monday. — The Town Council tonight decided to accept a IL.150,000 Government loan for emergency relief work in the town. About 800 jobless will be employed for four months planting trees and parks. The Council also decided to give the contract for the building of the Central Synagogue to Solel Boneh.

During a discussion on social aid problems the Mayor announced that he would propose making begging in the town illegal. A fund would be established to give a monthly "wage" to beggars. Residents now giving alms to the beggars would be asked to contribute.

Homeless Teacher

TEL AVIV, Monday.— Lea Barkan, a jobless, disabled and homeless 53-year-old teacher, drew crowds of pitying spectators this afternoon when she parked all her belongings in front of the Great Synagogue here. She was issued an eviction order by the Tel Aviv Magistrate last month to vacate a room she was renting at 52 Rehov Kiryat Sefer, and told *The Post* that she was alone and had nowhere to go.

Police, who came in a truck to evict her, offered to place the belongings in a storeroom at Jaffa. She refused the offer, saying that she would not part with them. Sympathetic crowds were still flocking round her late tonight.

Z.O.A. Endorses Plan For Co-Ordination

NEW YORK, Monday (UP) — The Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America today endorsed the plan for the American Zionist Council to coordinate the activities of various Zionist organizations in such fields as public relations, fund-raising for Israel, strengthening Jewish and Hebrew education and youth work.

The vote, following a seven-hour debate, was 17 to five. Many of the 65-member committee were either absent or abstained.

The plan followed the meeting in Jerusalem last month of Prime Minister Ben Gurion and American Zionist leaders then in Israel for the Zionist General Council session.

'Goodwill Mission' Reports to Agency

The Jewish Agency Executive met yesterday in Jerusalem, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eeri Locker, to discuss questions raised by members of the "Goodwill Mission," who returned from Europe recently.

The need was stressed for cooperation between Zionist bodies and individuals in France.

Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, Speaker of the House, attended in his capacity as Chairman of the Zionist General Council.

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Locke in U.S. to Air Criticism of 'Point 4'

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter). — The American Roving Ambassador to the Middle East, Mr. Edwin Locke, returned home today to explain to the State Department his public criticism of America's aid policy.

He told reporters when he arrived by plane from Beirut, "As far as I know there has been no difference of opinion between me and the State Department. I have not been recalled."

Mr. Locke directs all American economic and technical aid to Middle East countries. The State Department asked Mr. Locke to return for "consultations" after he made a speech in Beirut calling for a three-year programme of American grants and loans to Middle East countries. He cited what he called "failures" of the Point-Four programme of aid to underdeveloped areas.

Informed officials in Washington said Mr. Locke had disagreed with many American diplomats in the Middle East, including the American Minister to Lebanon, Mr. Harold Minor.

'Pravda' Condemns Substandard Output

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — "Pravda" today sharply criticised Russian ministries, local Communist parties and factory managers for tolerating badly manufactured goods.

In an editorial, broadcast by Moscow Radio, the Communist party's newspaper referred to "sub-standard production" at the machine building works at Stalino and said:

"There, the production of bad quality machine parts not only is not curtailed, but, on the contrary, is increasing. And the real cause is that formalistic methods are flourishing in the factory and the work proceeds by jerks."

U.S. EMBASSY WARNS AMERICAN NATIONALS

TEL AVIV, Monday (UBIS). — American citizens serving in the armed forces of a foreign state on December 24 of this year or after will lose their American nationality. A notice to this effect, which was published here recently by the U.S. Embassy, said that "nationals of the U.S. who may be affected... and who wish to avoid loss of citizenship should call at the American Embassy immediately for discussion of possible action by them to avoid such loss."

Dislike of Elizabeth II Underlined by Bomb

EDINBURGH, Monday (Reuter). — A time bomb, the fuse of an old gas mask, was found in the first postbox, pillar box to be painted with the Royal cypher of Queen Elizabeth, "E.R. II."

An anti-nuclear mass petition at Post Office offices and public meetings there showed the bomb. Besides the pillar box was found a packed postbag holding a gelignite charge and a detonator. A message printed in ink said "Danger to the Postmaster General. We trust you will pay attention to Mr. Strang."

It is understood that "Mr. Strang" refers to Mr. James Stuart, Secretary of State for Scotland, who last week asked the Postmaster General, Earl de la Warr, to consider making special pillar boxes for Scotland bearing only the monogram and not the cypher of E.R.II.

Scottish nationalists have been protesting in several months against the "E.R.II." Royal Cypher because Elizabeth I did not reign over Scotland.

New R.A.F. Bomber Base To Be Built in Cyprus

By SHAKE GUEBENLIAN, POST Correspondent

NICOSIA Monday.—The Royal Air Force is understood to intend to build a large bomber airfield in the coastal plain at Episkopi Bay, west of Limassol. This news follows an Army statement on Saturday that a large tract of the Episkopi area had been earmarked for the construction of military camps.

The proposed airfield will have a main runway of 3,000 yards, the longest on the island, and will be used exclusively by bombers. The Nicosia airport will continue to serve as a fighter base.

The locality of the new field was inspected recently by Air Vice Marshal Sharp, Director-General of RAF Organization. Earlier this year it had been inspected by the British Middle East Commander, General Robertson, and by the RAF Middle East Chief, Air Chief Marshal Saunders.

It is believed that the Episkopi scheme was designed to provide for the new development of British forces in the Middle East which may be necessary within a few years. It is considered likely that Episcopi may house British Army and Air Force headquarters in the Middle East.

Socialists Ask Elections For Europe Parliament

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — The International Socialists Committee for a United Europe ended a two-day meeting here last night with a call for elections to be held as soon as possible to choose a European parliament.

The meeting, with France's Andre Philip in the chair, was attended by Belgian ex-Premier Paul Henri Spaak and other leading European Socialists.

A THOUSAND pairs of boots and winter clothing were given yesterday by the Ministry for Social Welfare to ma'barot.

Japanese Writer Says U.S. Agents Held Him

TOKYO, Monday (Reuter). — The Japanese left-wing writer, Wataru Kaji, who has been missing since November, 1951, returned home last night and said he had been detained by the American military authorities.

Japanese newspapers yesterday headlined the story of Tentaro Yamada, a cook, who formerly worked for the American Counter-Intelligence Corps. He claimed that Counter-Intelligence had held Kaji for a year after kidnapping him last November.

Yamada said the U.S. had treated Kaji very roughly while they held him in a house outside Tokyo. He said Kaji on one occasion tried to commit suicide.

Kozo Inomata, left-wing Socialist member of the Diet, said yesterday he would bring the case before the Diet.

The U.S. military authorities said today they would not comment on the case. They added that they were still trying to find out the details. Kaji disappeared again late last night. Japanese sources said he had placed himself voluntarily in police custody.

LIBYA TO JOIN LEAGUE SOON

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — Mohamed Bey Montasser, Libyan Premier and Foreign Minister, said here last night that Libya would become a member of the Arab League before the next session of the League Council in March.

He said he hoped to submit to the Libyan parliament soon the results of negotiations for treaties with the U.S., Britain and France.

'Fantasiya' Scheduled

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — The inauguration of a new pipeline specially constructed to bring water to Beduin tribes in the Beersheba area will be celebrated on Thursday with a feast and traditional "fantasiya," including horse and camel races.

Cables in Brief

JORDAN.—Queen Mother Zein, of Jordan, left Amman last night for England to spend the December holidays with her son, King Hussein, who is studying at Sandhurst.

SYRIA.—Franklin Gue day Bolt, German Minister to Syria, returned to Damascus yesterday. He had been received by Dr. Bonn last month in connection with Arab protests over Israel reparations.

FUND.—A million dollar fund in the name of the world famous professor Boris Schatz was launched in New York for the benefit of a Department in his name at the new Medical School of the Yeshiva University of that city.

ITALY.—The Turkish newspaper "Cumhuriyet" claimed yesterday that in 1951 America supplied Italy with 16 gun boats of a speed of 40 knots, in violation of the peace treaty, and that supplies were continuing.

REPARATIONS. — India received 18,491 gunshives worth $5,491,419 from 1947 until October 31 last in German reparations, Deputy Supply Minister S. N. Banerjeahn told a questioner in the New Delhi Parliament yesterday.

COTTON. — The U.S. Agriculture Department yesterday estimated the 1952 cotton crop at 15,022,000 bales, one per cent more than last month's forecast.

DISSIDENT.—The dissident Socialist candidate, Paul Cohen, a former Mayor of Paris, won the "Left Bank" parliamentary by-election yesterday. He had a short lead over the Communist candidate. The seat had been held by an independent.

Shishakly Backs Union Of Arab States

The Lebanese Government welcomes the proposal to do away with the need for passports for citizens of the Lebanon, Syria and Jordan when crossing their common frontiers, an official spokesman told the Arab News Agency yesterday.

Commenting yesterday on reports that Syria and Jordan were shortly to exchange diplomatic representation, the Syrian Head of State, Colonel Shishakly, said that he strongly opposed the idea. He considered Syria and Jordan to be "one fatherland" "The Arab countries are a natural unit; the artificial frontiers between them must be removed as soon as possible," he said.

BUS TICKET booklets for 10 trips have been issued by the Dan bus company in Tel Aviv and can be obtained at 280 pruta for 30 pruta tickets; 320 pruta for 60 pruta tickets and for 390 pruta for 45 pruta trips.

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THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
(HEAD OFFICE: 38/39 Cornhill, London, England)
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951

1950 £. Stg.		1951 £. Stg.
30,796	Transferred from Revenue Accounts	44,288
19,967	Interest, Dividends and Rents (gross)	21,841
50,363		66,129
30,373	Deduct United Kingdom Taxation	38,458
20,000	NET PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	29,671
	Transferred to Contingencies Account	25,000
		4,671
80,326	Add Balance brought forward from last year	100,246
£100,346		£104,917

The Profit stated above has been arrived at after providing for depreciation of Freehold and Leasehold Land and Premises and the amortization of Bonds purchased at a premium by a charge to Interest, Dividends and Rents.

Transactions in foreign currencies have been converted into sterling during 1951 at approximate current rates of exchange.

The profits or losses on the realisation of Investments and on exchange have been dealt with by transfers to inner reserves.

SUMMARY OF BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 1951

1950 £. Stg.		1951 £. Stg.	1950 £. Stg.		1951 £. Stg.
	SHARE CAPITAL.			Fixed Assets — at cost, less amounts written off: —	
	Authorised: 100,000 shares of £10 each, £1,000,000		186,236	Freehold and Leasehold Land and Premises	185,847
	Issued: 50% shares of £10 each			Investments — at cost, less amounts	
5,000	fully paid	£ 5,000	714,089	written off, and Interest accrued ..	788,308
	47,500 shares of £10 each £8				
95,000	paid	95,000 100,000	44,397	Due from Holding Company	59,308
	Balance of Profit and Loss				
100,346	Account	104,917	278,730	Cash at Bankers	147,845
982,211	Insurance Funds	992,277			
	Provision for Claims Outstanding	45,224	206,923	Other Current Assets	277,520
39,429	Other Liabilities, Provisions				
213,024	and Reserves	315,098			
£ 1,334,970		£ 1,457,516	£ 1,334,970		£ 1,457,516

NOTES: (1) Foreign currency items included in the Balance Sheet at December 31, 1951 have been converted into sterling at approximate rates of exchange ruling at that date.
(2) The book value of Investments, at December 31, 1951, exceeds the market value, but such excess is covered by the amount of the Contingencies Account.
(3) A part of the Investments and Cash have been specifically deposited, under local laws, in various places out of the United Kingdom, as security to holders of policies there issued.

We have examined and agreed the above summarised Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account of The Merchants' Marine Insurance Company, Limited, with the Accounts of the Company as submitted to its Members which have been audited by us and reported on under date of April 24, 1952.
(Signed) Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.
11, Ironmonger Lane, London, E.C.2, August 28, 1952. Chartered Accountants | Auditors

THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.
Profit and Loss Statement of the Business of the Company in Israel for the Year ended December 31, 1951.

1950 IL.	CREDIT	1951 IL.	1950 IL.	DEBIT	1951 IL.
	Transferred from Account of Business in Marine Insurance	402	13	Agents' Expenses in Israel	20
109			97	Head Office Expenses (calculated at 7½% of premiums for the year) ..	372
Nil	Interest	40	Nil	Balance being profit for the year ..	40
IL. 109		IL. 442	IL. 109		IL. 442

We have examined the above Profit and Loss Statement with the Head Office Books of the Company in which have been incorporated the agreed Statements and Returns received from the Agent of the Company in Israel and report that the said Statement has been correctly compiled from the Books and Returns.
(Signed) Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.
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Kislev 24, 5713. — Reisi Assoud 22, 5712

IN the election of President Ben-Zvie yesterday, on the third ballot, the Knesset was saved from a futile ordeal and possible deadlock: the Israel Labour Party's choice for this dignity of a man embodying the essential qualities of Labour Zionism was vindicated: and the United Labour Party in casting its votes with Mapai and with his other supporters was to an extent redeemed in the eyes of the people who for more than a fortnight have had forced on them the gravest misgivings about Mapam's ways and its future.

PRESIDENT BEN-ZVIE

It is agreeable on an occasion such as this to remember that the pleasant is not necessarily false, nor the unpleasant always true. The gloomy forecasts have been proved false, and the country has not been made to endure the anxiety of a drawn-out poll, the Hazes looked in a grim battle ending in a tie vote.

In the event, the Knesset took much less time than it takes to nominate a candidate for the presidency at an American party convention; and an infinitesimal part of the time it takes the Colleges of Cardinals to elect a Pope.

Mr. Ben-Zvie owes his election to two things; and they are the two things over which an ancient sage said that the Gods themselves had no power — past events and arithmetic. As the story traced in the adjoining columns shows, past events favoured the now successful candidate, and they proved the climactic victory of a man's rugged and fearless cleaving to principles during nearly half a century. The elevation of Mr. Ben-Zvie honours the Movement of which he has been an unrelenting, if sometimes retiring and self-effacing exponent, as much as it rewards the bearer of the high estate that goes with the President's office. But without arithmetic — without the fifty-odd votes with which he entered the race — neither the Party nor the excellence of its candidate would have availed.

The man raised to the Presidency is a man of principle, and peace is the whole core of it. With him peace, including inter-party peace, is not merely a negative ideal, it is the condition of all positive aims. The country stands in great need of an approach such as this, and as a man's past can never be effaced, "since the recollection of it is an element in shaping the future," the nation might rely on him to use what meagre powers the Constitution reposes in him in the interests of conciliation, or re-conciliation, without the sacrifice of any fundamental truth as a necessary guide to action. Friends and opponents alike would do well to remember that conciliation, as necessary for the nation at this time as the air we take in, and as practised by the new President, will carry with it no abandonment of anything vital to the country's present needs or the shape of the people's future, hard though it be. If Mr. Ben-Zvie's "only fault is that he has none," as Pliny said of a certain orator of his time, people would be deluding themselves if they took this quality to embrace even the smallest compromise of the genuinely essential.

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Thirty days ago Israel's first President was laid to rest in the grounds of his home in Rehovot. Mourning for the departed Chief is not at an end with the thirty days prescribed by tradition. The deep wisdom and unchallenged influence of Dr. Weizmann will be missed for years to come. But the country has reason to be grateful that in the selection of his successor the Knesset acquitted itself in a manner worthy of the melancholy duty.

Ancient Scrolls Shown In Old City

Ancient scrolls recently uncovered by archaeologists near the Dead Sea are being exhibited at the Rockefeller Museum in the Old City of Jerusalem. The exhibition is said to throw considerable light on the period of the Bar Kochba revolt.

Also exhibited are a number of ancient manuscripts which were recently discovered buried in a cave. Among them are copies of the Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes and the Book of Tobias, written in Hebrew and Aramaic.

A letter signed by Yeshuah Ben Galgulah, announcing that the "nations are coming up against us from the desert"; two letters from Bar Kochba; a letter from a Roman soldier enlisting to Judea under Roman rule; and Greek translations of Jewish scripture are also shown. *(Visa.)*

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BEN-ZVIE: FROM WOODEN HUT TO PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE

GUARDIAN OF JERUSALEM

By Dr. JOSEPH KRUK

WHERE the suburb of Rehavia begins close to the Jewish Agency Building, among the rows of fine houses, there stood until quite recently a solitary wooden shack, covered with tar-paper. This was the residence of Yitzhak Ben-Zvie, for several decades a faithful guardian of the Eternal City.

The primitive shack was erected some 30 years ago, when the entire neighbourhood was empty and few could envisage the fine residential area it would one day be. It there no one, except Yitzhak Ben-Zvie and his wife, Rachel Yanait.

Ben-Zvie came to this country in the year 1907. Since then the world and Jerusalem have been in a state of constant convulsion. In Jerusalem's life eight distinct periods can be clearly traced:

1) When the city was still under the Sultan of Turkey's Government;
2) Under Turkey's republican regime;
3) The period that was in effect one of German occupation, during the First World War;
4) The Mandatory administration, from Sir Herbert Samuel, the first High Commissioner, to Sir Alan Cunningham, the last;
5) The War of Liberation;
6) The Siege, when Jerusalem was under enemy shell-fire, cut off from the rest of the country and from the whole world;
7) The initial period of the sovereign State of Israel, when the technical and strategic necessities of the Government was obliged to fix its seat in Tel Aviv, and finally
8) When both the Government and the Knesset were transferred to Jerusalem.

Recalling the peculiar difficulties, external and internal, political, national and religious, that punctuated these eight periods, we remember that throughout Ben-Zvie not only resided in the City, but was her recognized spokesman and leader, in constant contact and negotiation with the existing authorities, over matters large and small that were, however, always significant in a wider political sense. It is against such a background that we can most fully appreciate the role played by Ben-Zvie in the day-to-day life of the City. When far-reaching decisions were in balance, he rendered his historic services to the Yishuv, to the Jewish people, to the State and to his beloved Jerusalem.

Resigned in Protest

Following the appointment of Sir Herbert Samuel as first High Commissioner for Palestine, and the institution of civil government, Yitzhak Ben-Zvie became a member of the Advisory Council. A year later when restrictions were imposed on immigration he resigned in protest, but throughout the 25 years that followed he never ceased to be a spokesman for the City. He put forward demands, voiced complaints, submitted protests, — always with sincerity, dignity and tact.

Ben-Zvie's patent sincerity and integrity invariably invited the utmost respect, not only among the Jews and the British, but among all the communities and sections of the population with whom he came into contact. Universally it was acknowledged that whatever he said or did was rooted in a genuine sense of duty, inspired by progressive and democratic principles.

Yitzhak Ben-Zvie began his career of public service in Poltava, where he was born. Poltava was at that time a minor provincial town in Russia with no higher institutes of learning and devoid of the hustle of a great commercial centre.

In 1903 diverse groups of Zionist Socialists began to form in the cities of Warsaw, Vilna, Pinsk, Drisk, Odessa, Kovno, Riga, Bobruisk and elsewhere. The new movement soon reached Poltava, where there was hardly any Jewish proletariat at all. The exponents of the new ideology were mainly found among the intelligentsia and the youth. In the following year the first "Poale Zion" group was founded in Poltava by Jewish secondary school students. The group was headed by a young student, who was known as "Ovadia." In Ovadia's flat were the first meetings were held. Later the pseudonym was changed to "Ahuza," his true name was Shlomotzvi, which he changed to Yitzhak Ben-Zvie. Shortly afterwards a young carpenter, later to emerge as a brilliant propagandist, joined the group. He was Jacob Yitkin, who took the name which he has retained ever since, of "Zerubavel." In 1905 another young member joined the group. For him too an important role was reserved, his name was Ben-Gurion. Thus the movement to which Yitzhak Ben-Zvie devoted his entire personality, particularly in the general political revolutionary struggle in Russia, Socialist-Zionism, Socialism and Zionism, was inextricably linked for ever with the process of Jewish emancipation which for objective and historic reasons inevitably led to Eretz Israel.

Ben-Zvie soon rose to a prominent position in the new group, and wrote a pamphlet on Jewish emigration. Before long he reached the conclusion that historic processes do not work out mechanically. They were dependent upon a subjective will, a readiness for personal self-sacrifice among pioneers who accepted the role of the vanguard. Hence his decision and that of his comrades to realize personally their ideals and to settle in Eretz Israel. In this country he took an active part in the organization and development of the young workers' movement.

In October 1905, when Ben-Zvie and his comrades arrived here, they determined also to organize Jewish self-defence as they had in Poltava, while laying the foundations of the new society they dreamed of. This plan was later realized in the creation of the "Hashomer" organization.

Expelled by Turks

A characteristic trait of Ben-Zvie, which has persisted to this day, is his opposition to sectarianism. Just as in Russia he had appreciated the role reserved for the individual in the initial phase, so he realized the necessity of laying the foundation of a mass movement in this country, and he made a major contribution to the unification of the diverse workers' groups in a single political unit.

In view of all this it was only natural for the Turkish authorities to expel him from the country. Later he returned in the company of David Ben-Gurion, Gershon Agronsky (as he then was), Dr. Eliashar and the large contingent of the Jewish Legion, which he had helped to recruit in the United States.

I met Ben-Zvie, about whom I had heard during my youth in Russia, for the first time at the International Socialist Congress held in Marseilles in 1925. We both addressed the Committee on Education and Culture, he about Eretz Israel, I about Poland. His speech on "Judaism and Socialism" (the Histadrut accepted considerable interest. At the request of the Chairman, Beatrice Webb (later Lady Passfield) I translated the address into English and German. Mrs. Webb, one of the greatest Socialist historians and theorists, later told me that Ben-Zvie's address was instructive and convincing. The simplicity of his style no doubt helped to enhance the impression.

Led Va'ad Leumi

Ben-Zvie devoted most of his time and energy to the Va'ad Leumi of which he was Chairman.

I remember the tragic period when the leaders of the Va'ad Leumi declared a hunger strike in an effort to force the Mandatory Government to allow the entry of the Jewish survivors from Italy. Members of all political parties joined in the protest, among them the late David Remez, Golda Myerson, Zalman Rubashov-Shazar, Rafaelkes-Nir, Riftin, Zisling. It was decided that Ben-Zvie should not join in the strike. When, a few days later, the situation became more serious, Ben-Zvie was instructed to conduct negotiations with the High Commissioner. He delivered the protest of the Yishuv in the most dignified fashion and was instrumental in securing an honourable solution.

When UNSCOP arrived in 1947 Ben-Zvie appeared before the Commission as the representative of 600,000 Jews and 340 Jewish settlements. His testimony was inspired by a proper national pride as leader of the highest and most representative institution of the Yishuv, which, though not a sovereign body, had been democratically elected. Ben-Zvie proved that in the Arab states there was no possibility for the existence of national minorities and when he concluded with the words: "The homes of the Yishuv in every village and every town are open to welcome our surviving brethren," it was felt that his statement was not merely a well-turned phrase but the simple truth.

Handed Over

It was with a profound consciousness of the significance of the occasion that Ben-Zvie spoke as Chairman of the *Asefat Hanivcharim* at its last session in 1948. Not far from the shack that was his home, in the Rehavia High School, he submitted a report to representatives of the Yishuv and the newly founded State on the activities of the outgoing *Asefat Nivcharim*. In a voice charged with emotion he addressed, for the last time, the Jewish national body, and handed over to the democratic State.

That Ben-Zvie should be elected to the First Knesset was inevitable, but when he appeared in the first building on the Tel Aviv seafront there was a feeling of incongruity: Ben-Zvie was representing Jerusalem in Tel Aviv. Later when the Knesset was transferred to Jerusalem, Yitzhak Ben-Zvie returned to his natural setting.

Tall, spare, revolution and gravity impressed on his features, eyes bespeaking goodness of heart and sincerity, such is Yitzhak Ben-Zvie — an ideal representative, a scholar and a historian, in whom wisdom is a spiritual significance inevitably attaches.

The shack in which he resided for 30 years has been transferred to the settlement of Beth Keshet, where his son fell in the War of Liberation. He still lives near the site, not far from the Knesset, where he continues in his role of Guardian of Jerusalem; while the Knesset has called him to the Presidency of the State as a symbol of the two elements of his life — Labour and Zionism.

SHORT CUT FROM DANUBE TO BLACK SEA

Forced Labour on Giant Canal

By HUBERT HARRISON

VIENNA, (Reuter).

The vast Russian-planned Danube-Black Sea Canal project, providing a short cut from Danubian cities to the coast, is now taking shape but may need a year longer to finish than its 1955 target date, according to recent reports here.

Reliable information here says that even with the aid of Soviet experts and machines the work on the canal undertaken by the Rumanian Government is not going forward according to plan.

The canal, a colossal task, will shorten the water journey from Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade and other great Danube ports to the Black Sea by nearly 400 kms.

The Danube, Europe's greatest river, after boring through the last ridge of the Carpathian Mountains by cutting the world famous "Iron Gates" through the rock, came up against the high, rocky ridge of the Dobrogea. It turned North and now meanders through some 400 kms. of malarial swamp to enter the Black Sea through a many-branched and almost unnavigable delta.

Series of Locks

The canal will be 60 kms. long, varying between 200 metres and 300 metres wide, and will at its deepest be 90 metres below the level of the Dobrogea Plateau.

It will run from Cernavoda, where a great new inland harbour is being constructed, to Cap Midia on the Black Sea.

A series of locks will make the canal navigable for ocean going ships of a draft which cannot at present navigate the Danube owing to the sand banks constantly forming in the sluggish waters of the Delta.

In addition to shortening the journey to the sea the canal will bring water to the stony, arid desert land of the Dobrogea Plateau. It will also allow drainage of the fever-ridden swamps of the Danube Delta. Already, it is claimed, thousands of acres of land until recently covered with pools, rushes and marshes, have been turned into gardens which yield half as big a harvest again as the average productive of the district.

Work was begun on the Canal some three years ago. Between 200,000 and 300,000 labourers, mostly political detainees, common criminals, and military prisoners, were drafted into the area. Work was begun with shovels, handcarts, horse drawn carts, and the simple equipment of rural Rumania.

But within a short time labour troubles, deaths from malaria and overwork, a breakdown in the supply arrangements resulting in shortages of food, and the bad organization of the work forced upon the Rumanians the conclusion that they could never realize this gigantic project by the means at their disposal by 1955, if at all.

The Rumanian Government applied to the Soviet Union for help. As the scheme has powerful support from the Russians, help was given at once in the form of experts, and the latest Russian type "hydro-mechanization" machines. Now it is claimed that 85 per cent of the work is mechanized. Nevertheless, reliable reports stated recently that there are still 17 camps, surrounded by high walls of barbed wire, and troops each of which contain between 5,000 and 6,000 political prisoners supplying most of the labour used on the canal scheme.

Huge electric excavators, each claimed to replace the work of 900 men or 200 carts, have been set to work. Miners are employed digging deep pits into which huge quantities of explosive are poured to dislodge masses of rock at a time. The electric excavators load the dislodged rock into railway trucks which carry it to the sea near Midia, where it is discharged into the sea to form part of the big dyke of the future sea port to be constructed at the sea end of the canal.

Another innovation is the use of Soviet "water guns". Pumped water is forced through the "water guns" at great pressure to eat its way through the solid earth. These "hydromoniters", invented for use on the Moscow-Volga Canal, are said each to replace the work of 100 men with carts and horses. At its deepest part the canal has now reached 20 metres below the surface of the plateau, it is reported.

Blame For Delays

Among other reasons for delays a number of Rumanian engineers, contractors, and organizers have been tried as corrupt and inefficient. Tried by the military court presided over by Major-General Alexandru Petrescu, before a packed audience of 600 workers, technicians and engineers, who booed and jeered as they learned their "confessions," ten officials were recently found guilty. Five were sentenced to death, and the other five to long periods of hard labour.

These men "admitted" allowing machines to break down, diverting machines and supplies to useless places, and in general sabotaging the plan.

These ten men, once placed in highly responsible posts on the canal, were all discovered after three years to have been of bourgeois origin, were criminals, former fascists, free-masons or Zionists and to have been "agents of the American Imperialists."

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Reader's Letters

WESTERN IMMIGRATION

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — If the Government really wishes to encourage immigration from the Western countries, it must first do three things. It must abolish the necessity for exit visas for all such immigrants if they wish to visit their families in their countries of origin; it must grant immigrants a realistic and fair exchange rate; and it must not require these immigrants to serve the normal period of military service, if they have done two or more years of service in their own countries.

Unless these steps are taken, all talk of encouraging immigration from the West is sheer waste of time.

Yours etc.,
(Dr.) H. NEUNER

Haifa.

H.O.A.'S Helping Hand

ALMOST two years ago an advertisement appeared in *The Post* inviting residents in Israel from the United States and Canada to attend a meeting to consider the question of "Anglo-Saxon" absorption in Israel.

The meeting was called by a small group of Americans who had informally agreed that the American immigrant, who rarely burned his bridges behind him and was able to return to his birthplace with relative ease, posed unusual problems and that there was need for a representative organization based on the principle of mutual help and capable of tackling these problems in such a way as to reduce the percentage of those leaving Israel. The meeting was attended by 130 persons, a temporary committee was formed and the eventual result was the formation of Hitachdut Olei America. The remainder of H.O.A.'s story is a modest success story.

By the time the first national convention was held in November, 1951, the organization had a paid-up membership of 320. When its second convention opens this evening with a public meeting at the Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv at which Foreign Minister Sharett will participate in a round-table discussion on American aliya, the 65 delegates will represent an enrolled membership of more than 1,500 in over 50 cities, towns, villages and agricultural settlements from Naharlya to Eilath, including more than 20 kibbutzim and moshavim.

The H.O.A.'s work has been divided into the practical and what might be called the psychological. It has tried to speed the integration of Americans in Israel by helping them to find jobs and homes and to learn Hebrew, and by providing other personal services. It has launched one housing project in Kfar Haroeeh, acquired land for four others and is planning three additional housing projects. In a year's time, it was able to find employment for 60 people, furnished rooms for 35, etc. In the second area of its activities, the H.O.A. has been faced with the problem of Americans who, soon after arrival here, only too quickly became aware that Israel does not live up to the rather rosy picture which they brought with them to the country. The organization has tried to tackle this question by sponsoring orientation lectures, endeavouring in its small way to lift the general moral and morale level here and by encouraging its branches to engage in community projects which would both make a contribution to the national welfare and bind H.O.A. members closer to the general community.

A.R.

Enlistment Check-Up

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